



Monthly Lesson
July 2014

“Maintaining Relationships Spiritually”¹

I had a glorious experience this morning as the class was given to me. I hope that others were tuned in because when we are taught by God, it is not “channeled” to one person. The Master said, “... *he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent me.*”² This Message is universal – it comes from the Christ to everyone who is receptive.

I remember a student who many years ago was on an airplane to America when she received a marvelous unfoldment. She had a pencil and paper and wrote it down. She later found the same words in an Infinite Way book. When she sent her unfoldment to Joel, he told her she had tuned in to the class he was giving. The Message is always broadcasting. There is an altitude and attitude of prayerful consideration, and that is true humility, that state of emptiness that is spoken of in the Wisdoms: “Go to God as an empty vessel, desiring fulfillment in God’s way and measure.”³ You are really the chalice or Holy Grail into which this holy inspiration pours. One absolutely selfless individual can be the transparency for saving the whole world if they

have no personal sense of I. This Truth would flood so completely through this individual that it would enter human consciousness as the Light of the world. Our motives must be pure when we pray. A pure motive is no motive – it is an attitude of consecration as illustrated in this hymn:

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.⁴

This is an example of a dedicated consciousness; there is still a sense of “two-ness” there but the instrument is the same as that to which the Master refers:

“*So Christ [who is after the order of Melchizedek, without mother or father] was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time [within your consciousness of that I] without sin unto salvation.*”⁵ *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and*

¹ 1986 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 4 (8637), Side 1

² John 13:20

³ The Infinite Way, Joel S. Goldsmith

⁴ Frances R. Havergal, 1874.

⁵ Hebrews 9:28

*sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.*⁶ So you see, this is our sacrifice – the sacrifice of our human will, even our will to do good. It is a sacrifice to have *no will* apart from God's.

Within you, there is a high Priest, the Master of the house after the order of Melchizedek, without human history. You are His temple and dwelling place. This brings us to an understanding I had that was so clear to me: *“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [give life to] your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”*⁷

So this lesson is about relationships and how we maintain them, not on the physical or intellectual level, but spiritually. If we maintain our relationships spiritually, we will know how and what to say at the right time and how to behave because we will act at the impulse of His love. And so the principle is this: “In my conscious oneness with God, I am consciously one with all spiritual being and idea.” This principle maintains all your relationships, including your relationship with your body.

In silence, we feel the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in your body. This spirit of God in man is the Master, the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. It has no mother or father because God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one. This High Priest embodies both the

⁶ Hebrews 10:4-7

⁷ Romans 8:11

male and female principles. When we use “he, his or him,” we are using them in the androgynous sense. Having had the God experience, I know that everything is embodied in that one Presence. I have seen that Body and have seen that this universe is in this one Presence, the living Christ.

It makes no difference what form our body takes because the human concept of body is a reflection, a mental projection or thought form of the real Body. Being a thought form, your body can always be changed, refined, transformed and translated because it is not static but is fluid. If the Spirit of God dwells in you and you reach the deep silence of My Peace, you are in the Holy of Holies. It is here that all healing takes place – not by effort, words, or thoughts but by the Grace of God. This occurs because “In my conscious oneness with God, I am consciously one with all spiritual being and idea.”

Every member of your family is a spiritual being. They might not know it yet, but if you are studying this Message, you know it: they are as God created them in His image and likeness. Take five minutes each day, allow your family members to come to your awareness, and recognize that each one is God appearing as individual being. This is spiritual Being manifesting Itself as “husband,” “wife,” or “child.” The essence and substance of this relationship binding you together is Spirit, not matter. When you recognize this spiritual bond and uphold the Christ in your partner or any other family member, you are *loving your neighbor as yourself*.⁸ Your neighbor is yourself; every projection in

⁸ See Matthew 19:19

your life, every being you come in contact with is this One appearing as. If there is any “evil” in the relationship, it is because there is “evil” in your thoughts because you have accepted a world that has both good and evil in it. When you refuse to accept a world of evil, sin, disease, or death, none of these will come nigh your dwelling place because of the purity of your consciousness. You are recognizing that there is only one Power - Spirit - and It is Light and Love. In Light, there is no darkness or evil at all! We look at each member of our family and recognize that they are gentle beams of living Love in which there is no evil of any kind.

A Wisdom tells us: “We do not live on the mortal plane of consciousness where evil can happen.”⁹ This world of two powers is a mental projection and we don’t have to accept appearances at face value. We can live in My Kingdom, and “*My Kingdom is not of this world.*”¹⁰ My Kingdom is a Kingdom of Grace and Truth, and all relationships are maintained and sustained harmoniously through the Holy Spirit.

So we never pray to improve the person, but instead we pray to behold the Christ. If we have a family, we do not look at them as mortals or physical bodies but instead realize their spiritual identity. We recognize that the physical projection is a mental one and it is therefore subject to what we hold in our minds as truth - this is integrity of being true to ourselves. The truth of Being is that man is not physical but spiritual, the image of love, the image and likeness of God. As we hold to

⁹ The Infinite Way, Joel S. Goldsmith
¹⁰ John 18:36

this truth, and the physical sense of our husband, wife, or child comes to us (and it will), this is a call for help and recognition: Yes, “*I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God,*”¹¹ that “gentle beam of living Love, and deathless Life! Truth infinite, so far above all mortal strife, or cruel creed, or earth-born taint.”¹²

This recognition of the truth of Being sets us free from mental malpractice or condemnation. As long as we leave someone on the level of mortality, we have condemned him or her to death. But “*I am come*”¹³ to human consciousness as the savior of the world. “*I am come*” in quietness and in gentleness to reveal to you eternal life. This is the integrity on which we stand. Every day, as your family, friends, and relatives present themselves to your mind in their mortality, recognize that this is the Christ of their being, knocking at your door and pleading, “Recognize me, and let me in! Don’t condemn or judge me as a mortal. Don’t personalize me or put me in grave clothes, but let Me in.” Recognize their spiritual identity as “*I*” after the order of Melchizedek, and be still and know that this *I* is God.

Keep this sacred and silent. Do not instruct or tell others anything. However, if you are addressing a small child, you can say, “God is your father and mother and you are made in the image and likeness of God. You have no other qualities than God; you are the embodiment of love and you have no other nature than a Godlike nature.” When you tell this to small

¹¹ Mark 1:24

¹² Lyrics for “Christmas Morn” from the Mary Baker Eddy Collection

¹³ John 10:10

children, they just blossom! But stay silent with adults to avoid hitting up against that material sense where there is resistance. In the silence, holding them in the Truth of their being, there is no resistance because in truth, their humanhood has no existence. It is but the reflection of personal thought, and when the Christ is recognized, all the thinking changes. There is no more warfare, argument, or conflict. Instead there is a blending like the beautiful colors on the spectrum, felt in "My peace and My joy."

It is in the silence that we recognize the self-same Spirit that dwelt in Jesus, functioned through his body, and glorified him in his true nature and character on the mountaintop of revelation. It transformed his body from material sense to a Light form without leaving any residue to be buried. That same Spirit is dwelling in our consciousness, working in us, through us, and maintaining and quickening every organ and function of the body as long as this temple is useful and needed. It is doing that for everyone who abides in Me (Christ), and invites Me in to abide in him or her.

This same Spirit is in husbands, wives, children and grandchildren. If we really want to love them, we abide with them in conscious Oneness and Peace. We don't do anything humanly; we do this alone with our own being, spiritually, secretly, sacredly and silently. Our being is God being – one infinite Being expressing Itself to Itself and as Itself. We recognize that in our oneness with God, in the presence of this Holy Spirit, we are one with all spiritual being as well as every spiritual idea!

Dear Friend,

Years ago, I saw this truth of Oneness and realized the Way to keep harmony in all relationships was just to BE. I learned to live in the moment, to be fully present, and to give my attention with no judgment. Giving our full attention is a gift of love.

To be able to meet many states and stages of the One consciousness and to listen without judgment or criticism -knowing full well that we are listening to false testimony and not reacting - is letting patience have Its perfect work. "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."¹⁴

In all spiritual living, we are learning to see with the single eye and hear with the single ear. In this way, we see that the kingdom of God is present – a now activity. This is being a transparency for the living Christ.

Aloha,



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